

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

March 14, 2021

10:00 a.m.



From Death to Life

AS WE GATHER

Before coming to faith, we were dead in trespasses and sins. But while we were dead and helpless, God made us alive! In the Epistle, Paul writes that God saved us "being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us." But we have not simply been made physically well, like the Israelites in the Old Testament Reading, but we have been given eternal life. The central reason is that "by grace you have been saved through faith." We are His workmanship and in the light of Christ, it is obvious that the credit for whatever works we do must go to our gracious God. We are together with Christ and already, as it were, "with Him in the heavenly places." Now that's really living!

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

1. "Great Is the Lord" –TOSB #66

Refrain

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.

1. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great---is the Lord! Great---is the Lord! *Refrain.*
2. Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great---are you Lord! Great---are you, Lord! *Refrain.*

Coda: Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

2. "We Love" – (1 John 4:19) *by Ann F. Price*

We love (x x) because God first loved us,

We love (x x) because God first loved us.

We love (x x), we love, (x x),

We love (x x) because God first (x) loved (x) us. (x x)

*x = clap or snap fingers

3. "Baptized in Water" –WOV #211, St. 1-3

Words: Michael Seward ~ Music: BUNESSAN

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,

**Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

4. "There Is a Redeemer" - Words & Tune by Melody Green

**1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Ho-ly One.**

***Chorus: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

**2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.**

***Chorus: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is
done***

**3 When I stand in glory I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Chorus.***

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: As we have gathered this day to celebrate the good news that you have given to the world, remind us that it is our purpose to offer that good news to others, not only in words but in deeds of love and mercy. Forgive us for those times when we get so caught up in the details of living and so overwhelmed by our current woes that we neglect to help others. Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love. Remind us that you have shared your perfect love for us in sending your only begotten son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us during this Lenten season. Give us hearts of great joy and courage to serve you all our days. AMEN.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone,

People: he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Pastor: But God, . . . even when we were dead in our trespasses,

People: made us alive together with Christ.

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

People: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to our gracious heavenly Father.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive

us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: God's steadfast love endures forever
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.

People: Although we are on the way to the heavenly promised land, like the Israelites in the desert, we complain about many things. We are sinful and unclean at heart and often follow the desires of the body and the mind.

Pastor: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

People: made us alive together with Christ.

Pastor: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

Pastor: By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

INTROIT *(Read responsively)*

Ps. 27:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

Amen.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I
be afraid?**

KYRIE (*Read responsively*)

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. (*Sit*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For

there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”
⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He

will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen. *(Sit)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Grace Alone” -TOSB 2 #77 – Words & Music
by Scott Brown & Jeff Nelson

- 1 Ev’ry promise we can make, ev’ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev’ry diff’rence we will make is only by His grace.
Ev’ry mountain we will climb, ev’ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev’ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

*Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, strength
unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we
will go forth in grace alone.*

- 2 Ev’ry soul we long to reach, ev’ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev’ry -where we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev’ry loving word we say, ev’ry tear we wipe away,
Ev’ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

*Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, strength
unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we
will go forth in grace alone.
We will go forth in grace alone.*

SERMON

Love & Light, late at Night.

John 3:14-21

VOLUNTARY

“We Are An Offering” -Dwight Liles

OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

When the Israelites became impatient, they spoke against God and against Moses. Let us pray for all who are in positions of authority in our nation and others, that God would give them wisdom to seek ways to meet the needs of their citizens, providing for equal justice and stability for everyone within their borders. And let us pray for police and armed forces, that God would protect them as they maintain security and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Many people follow the course of this world carrying out their desires, by nature children of wrath. Let us pray for people who influence our culture and society but without faith in our Savior, that God would open their eyes to look up to Christ on the cross, working faith in their hearts, and making them alive together with Christ. And let us pray for lay and clergy leaders of the Church here and around the world, that God would give them strength and opportunity to spread the Gospel with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: When the Israelites were in the wilderness without food and water, God provided manna. Let us pray for all who lack adequate food, clothing, and shelter, that He would provide opportunities for individuals and organizations to channel the resources He provides to where they are most needed. And let us pray that all who manage God's bounty, serving Him so that it moves from mine to tool, from farm to table, from warehouse to storefront, and from street to home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: The psalmist remembered that when "they cried to the LORD in their trouble, . . . He delivered them from their distress."

Let us pray for all who are troubled in body, mind, or spirit, both those near and dear to us, . . . , and those known only to God, that He would bring about healing, relief, comfort, and peace as fits His gracious plans for them. And let us pray for ourselves and all who care for the sick and dying, that we serve our gracious God using the gifts He provides. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance” TOSB #16, St. 1-3

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine: O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God; born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all

**the day long; This is my story, This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture burst on
my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and
blessed; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His
goodness, lost in His love.**

POSTLUDE

“Shout to the Lord” -Darlene Szczech

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
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Special Music/Song Leaders/Praise Band:	
	Debby Bergman, Banjo; Doug Bergman, Bass Guitar
Lector:	Debby Bergman
Greeters:	Marsha Beetham
Acolyte:	Joe Carlin

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. **Members** are also encouraged to complete a “Worship

Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit).

Pastor Tim Anderson is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, **Pastor Tim Anderson** is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

**Attendance for 3-7-21: Bible Study—4; Worship Service—28.
Income report for 3-7-21: Loose Plate \$; Weekly Envelopes \$2889;
Designated Gifts \$277; Other \$; Total \$3166. Midweek 3 Total \$245.**

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

March 14, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent- Casual Worship (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

11:30 AM Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

March 15 Monday

9 AM-1 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

March 16, Tuesday

7 PM Council Meeting

March 17, Wednesday

10:30 AM-3 PM Pastor Anderson in the office

7 PM Lenten Midweek 5 Service *Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

March 19, Friday

11AM Church & Offices cleaned

March 21 , Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The 5th Sunday in Lent Worship w/Holy Communion

Prayer List: Prayer List: Those with cancer **Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck; Maebell Beard** preparing for an aorta valve replacement; those who are recovering: **Gene Southwick, Jim Schutkowski, Chris Whittenberg, Jane Boye, Tim Jackson, Chris Carlin, John McShee, Len, Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski. Erica and Gerald Guzzi. Mel** friend of Mandy Witcombe in the hospital with severe pain.

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

March 21 "**But He Is Strong**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We might not see weakness as a virtue. And yet, weakness is where God's strength is made perfect. (Mark 14:10-72)

IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?

Organized by Sola Ministries

Saturday, March 27, 10:30 AM At Beautiful Savior
Lutheran Church (ASU Tempe)

4:30 PM At Life In Christ Lutheran Church (ASU West)

The speaker is Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia Chicago
with the 1517 Project.

This will be available for those who want to attend in person
and online. Please RSVP by emailing
jdeverian@solaministries.org

“Time with Pastor Tim.”

- Over the next few weeks, Pastor Tim would love to spend time with each of you, learning your life story and your love for the Lord.
Schedule a time by signing up in the Narthex or by Emailing him at: **Pastortimanderson@gmail.com**
He could meet you for coffee, a meal, or even just a zoom or phone call.

Let's get to know one another.